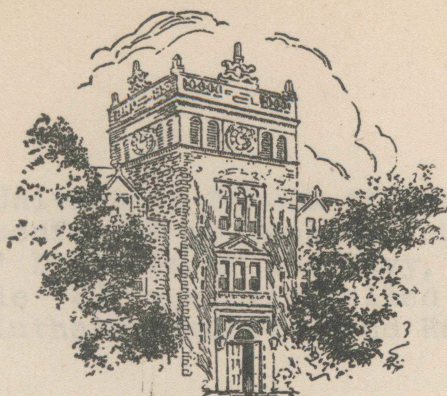


To the  
**FRONT**



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from  
**MUHLENBERG**

Greetings:

This time we don't have to look around for any trick ideas or honeyed phrases to cushion the shock of news that isn't so good. All the news is good news.

Since we wrote to you the last time, this football team of ours has been hitting its stride. The day after the last letter went into the mail (we should have waited) we took Swarthmore into camp 33 to 6 with scores in every period. The following week, in a finish just about as thrilling as any we have seen at Muhlenberg in years, we nosed out Franklin and Marshall 19 to 18. Just for good measure the soccer team broke the ice by defeating Ursinus 3 to 2 and the Cross Country team ran away from the University of Pennsylvania to win a meet in Allentown 17 to 38.

But the football victory over Franklin and Marshall is what we really want to tell you about. We've been insisting, in the past, that we weren't handing out alibis when we told you that in the three games we lost, our team fought right through to the final whistle.

Here's the proof: In last Saturday's game with F. and M. we went into the final period on the short end of an 18 to 6 score. Then things began to change. In the first two minutes, Paul Crowley, a civilian, blocked an F. and M. punt and recovered the ball for Muhlenberg on F. and M.'s seven yard line. Three plays later, George Duplaga, a Marine, crashed over the line for Muhlenberg's second touchdown. On the first play after Muhlenberg kicked off to F. and M., Johnny Bailey, a Bluejacket, recovered another F. and M. fumble on the latter's 29 yard line. A pass from Duplaga to Makoid was good for 15 yards. A few plays later, Charlie Lange, a Bluejacket, crossed the stripe to knot the score. Up to that point not a single point after touchdown had been scored. Marine Private Earl Howell, who starred through the game at left half, sent the pigskin squarely between the goal posts to win the game over one of the most traditional of Muhlenberg's traditional rivals.

The Cross Country meet went on during the football game, starting and finishing in front of the stands. Leonard Constantini, a Marine from Pittsburgh, covered the five mile course in 30 minutes and six seconds to win the meet. On his heels was Marine Private John Demas, one of his teammates, and right behind him came Private Morris Dixon, another Muhlenberg entry. Penn took fourth place, but Muhlenberg came in to take fifth and sixth in addition to the first three.

There was plenty of reason for celebrating last Saturday night when the student body, civilians and men in uniform, held their graduation ball at Castle Garden, Dorney Park. Joe Frassetto and his Mutual network orchestra provided the music.

In addition to graduating a class of civilian students and presenting certificates to Bluejackets and Marines at the commencement next Sunday (October 29) Muhlenberg will award six honorary degrees: doctor of laws to Captain Arthur S. Adams, director of the Administration Division of the Navy's Training Activity, and the commencement speaker; Captain J. L. Holloway, Jr., director of training in the Navy Bureau of Personnel; and Major J. C. Shumberger, one of the publishers of Allentown's Call-Chronicle Newspapers and president of the Lehigh Valley Broadcasting Co. The degree of doctor of science will go to Dean Gerald



D. Timmons of the Temple University School of Dentistry. Doctor of Divinity degrees will be conferred on Captain Robert DuBois Workman, director of the Chaplains' Division of the Navy, and the baccalaureate speaker; Rev. Paul C. Empie '29, recently called to become assistant director of the National Lutheran Council; and Rev. Ernest J.H. Hoh of Lancaster.

One of the highspots of the commencement activities will be the dedication of seven beautiful silk flags that will hang above the choir stalls in the chapel. The banners include the National Colors, the Christian Flag, the State and City Flags, the Muhlenberg Flag, a banner bearing the coat of arms of Martin Luther, and another with the crest of the Muhlenberg family. Ultimately, the Navy V-12 banner will join the group.

Incidentally, that Madison Square Garden game we were telling you about is set: Muhlenberg plays St. Francis on Saturday, December 16. The same night C.C.N.Y. will play Arkansas. It's bound to be a good night for any of you fellows who may happen to be in or around New York. Perhaps we can even persuade the New York Alumni club to have a rally on Friday or Saturday.

Just before we started this letter Mrs. Hill (Art's wife) came in to tell us that we had just added the 1400th (that's correct) name to our list of Muhlenberg men in the armed forces. What we're doing now is looking ahead to the time when all of those 1400 names will be transferred back to the civilian files, and we know you are too. Here's hoping John Wagner will be back to do that job. Incidentally, Wagner has been transferred to Fort Pierce, Fla., but at the moment we don't have his exact address. There's nothing, we insist, like going to Florida for the winter.

For the past two weeks the mail has been particularly heavy from the West Coast and we can only conclude that it is because of the heavy news we have been reading of what has been going on out in the Pacific. We can imagine who may be in those sea and air battles and who may have taken part in the invasion of the Philippines. Perhaps by the time we write the next letter, we'll have some facts. But to all of you who may be in those battles or in the ones in Europe--good luck and remember we here at Muhlenberg are doing all we can to stick with you.

LIEUTENANT CHARLES L. GARRETTSON '37, who once was our alumni secretary, writes from the Marianas where he saw action some weeks ago. He reports that it was far more thrilling than a roller coaster ride and something he is glad to have experienced. Now that he has found a mattress for his cot, he feels civilized once again. On the Marianas Garrettson ran across a Jap who gladly coughed up a 50 sen note for our currency collection. We won't say thanks to the Jap, but here's a real thank you to Chuck.

LIEUTENANT (j.g.) WILMER H. CRESSMAN '42 still is our traveling alumni secretary in the Pacific. His latest encounters were with ENSIGN H. W. WITNER '43 and LIEUTENANT (j.g.) HANK WACKER '42. He met them both in an officers club while roaming the Pacific so--it must have been a good reunion. Cressman is now communications officer on the ship on which he has been enjoying his Cook tour of the Pacific.

LIEUTENANT LEE SNYDER '42 claims he has been sent to one of the most pleasant places on New Guinea. The ocean beats on a fine sandy beach about fifty yards from his tent and he's not asking for anything more. ENSIGN DENNY WEBSTER '44, roaming the Pacific with a Navy task force, says that if all the time he spent at graduations was laid end to end he would have enough time to visit the campus. He salvaged some of Muhlenberg's lost pride in New London recently when he scored a knock-out blow in an affair of the heart in which a Bucknell Bison was his worthy opponent. (Did you ever hear how those bisons out at the Trexler Game Preserve battle it out to become king of the herd?) While he was on leave, he got together in New York with W. ASHLEY NAFIS BILL BEARD, and EUGENE CURTIS.



FIRST LIEUTENANT KERMIT H. SHELLY '42 wrote to us recently from Peleliu where he had experiences with an Army representing the elite of the Japanese. American forces there, he says, are fighting fanatics and live in foxholes or holes blasted by Naval gunfire. "C" rations taste better each day. The island is supposedly one of the toughest and is honeycombed with block houses and pill boxes constructed with twenty-four inch cement.

LIEUTENANT J. KENNETH MILLER '37, who has been in charge of dental surgery at the Memphis Naval base for more than a year, has had a little ocean trip and now is at the Navy Yard at Pearl Harbor. SERGEANT MERLE C. WERTZ '43 also has gone overseas with a Marine unit. LIEUTENANT JAMES KILPATRICK '33, on duty in the Pacific, was plenty surprised a few weeks ago when he bumped into LIEUTENANT HENRY M.M. RICHARDS '32 and HARRY BATTLIN '31 (we don't know his rank) in an officers' club in Hawaii. Kilpatrick has seen some real action in the Pacific and was under attack by planes and submarines several times. He assures us, however, that the Japs paid the price for attacking. Incidentally, LIEUTENANT RALPH SELL '28, a Navy Chaplain, is another of the boys who will remember Pearl Harbor. He's on duty there now.

I'm still getting advice from ART HILL on how to take care of his wife--one of the girls who is helping get these letters out to you fellows and keep your addresses and records straight. The only action Art has been able to tell us about is his bouts with the slot machines he found somewhere in the South Pacific. CORPORAL WILLIAM TRAUCH '29 has seen the island that served as the background for Robert Louis Stevenson's "Treasure Island" and we're trying to sign him to a contract to lecture about it to Freshman English classes when he gets back into this part of the country. When he was way down under he ran into a copy of Variety that recounted some of the highlights in the concert and musical comedy career of ERIC MATTSO--RUDOLPH E. MATTSO to you fellows of the Class of 1935.

Now to take a quick hop across a few oceans and continents: PRIVATE FIRST CLASS RALPH W. BAGGER '45 and BILL RIZOS '46 had a little visit together in France a few weeks ago. Both of them are thinking in terms of the G.I. Bill of Rights and we hope they'll be able to take advantage of it before too many months go by. LIEUTENANT ARLAN BOND '42 read one of our service letters recently when it was delivered to him a mere 1500 yards from Jerry. When you read about the First Army and its battles in the European Theatre, you can think of Arlan being somewhere in its sector. In Italy, LIEUTENANT COLONEL FRANK BROWN '19 and CAPTAIN DILL ALBRIGHT '33 manage to get together occasionally. A very ragged member of the once mighty Wehrmacht donated some kraut occupation currency to Muhlenberg's collection, via STAFF SERGEANT HERBIE DOWD '43, still somewhere in Italy. Dowd reports that the great news of the moment is that the local vino (made from this year's grapes) is now ready for drinking.

Back in the States for a few paragraphs: LIEUTENANT CLAUDE E. DIEROLF '43 is getting ready for the big things ahead of him while enjoying the sun and the hurricane down at Drew Field, Tampa, Fla. SEAMAN EDWARD J. BROWN '46 is attending Hospital Corps school at Bainbridge. Recently he heard from DON BROBST '46 who is receiving his basic infantry training at Fort McClellan, Ala.

They graduated a real Muhlenberg class down at Camp Lejeune on Sept. 30. Among the former Muhlenberg Marines who received their commissions were: ARTHUR FIERRO, JOHN HUCK, ROBERT T. JOHNSON, CHARLES DUNNING, BYRON HENDERSON, HERBERT MORGAN, MATTHEW NICHOLS, THOMAS CANDRICK, and ARLIN BUBECK. We'll probably be hearing great things of them as the months go by. Talking about brass (or is it gold) NELSON BRAMER '37 expects to get his in another month at Camp Lee, Va. A friend of PRIVATE JACK REQUA '34 questions the translations we gave you in the last letter, but our original sources still maintain they are correct.

LIEUTENANT (j.g.) HENRY ESTERLY '39 has completed a tour of duty



in the South Pacific and now is stationed at the Naval Auxiliary Air Station at Crows Landing, Calif. LIEUTENANT (j.g.) JOHN SCHAFFNER '40 is on duty at the U.S. Naval Hospital at Norfolk, Va., and LIEUTENANT (j.g.) PAUL G. CRESSMAN '40 has gone on duty at the Kings County Hospital in Brooklyn. Both were graduated from Hahnemann Medical College and commissioned in the Navy. EDWIN GLEASON was graduated at the same time and was commissioned as a first lieutenant in the Army, assigned to the West Jersey Homeopathic hospital in Camden.

Some of you fellows overseas may meet LIEUTENANT JOSEPH WALKER '43 most anytime now. He is first pilot of a B-24 Liberator now completing crew training for combat. HANK BAIETTI and 15 or 20 other former V-12 men are down at Quantico, all hitting the ball and expecting to complete their courses satisfactorily. SEAMAN FIRST CLASS EDWIN GEISINGER '37, reports by letter and in person that CHAPLAIN WILLIAM PFEIFER preaches a really swell sermon. He heard him recently down at Patuxant River, Md.

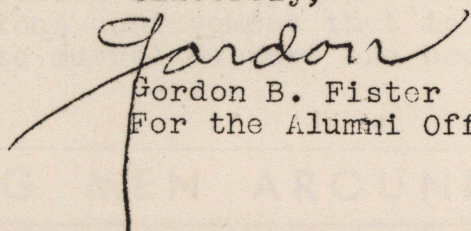
Here are some of the promotions we have noticed during the past two weeks; LIEUTENANT (j.g.) JOHN W. KAUFMAN '40; SEAMAN FIRST CLASS KAYE HARTMAN; PRIVATE FIRST CLASS HENRY T. BAIETTI '44; FIRST LIEUTENANT EDWIN A. GLEASON '41; SECOND LIEUTENANT ARTHUR A. FIERRO '44; CORPORAL CARL F. KNOWLES '44; ENSIGN JOHN C. KISTENMACHER '44; LIEUTENANT FREDERIC M.J. WALP '32; FIRST LIEUTENANT CHARLES WEIL '39; PRIVATE FIRST CLASS HAROLD B. GRAY '33; PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JOHN R. HENRICH '44; PRIVATE FIRST CLASS BENJAMIN JONES '44; CAPTAIN THEODORE K. GRAHN '28; SERGEANT HAROLD W. HELFRICH '44; and SEAMAN FIRST CLASS W. FRANCIS EISENHAUER '32.

And now for the new names:

Pfc. St. Clair Davidson '32, Hq. Det. 1219 SCSU, Ft. Totten, N.Y.  
Sgt. Chester W. Gangewere '32, APO 312, c/o P.M., New York, N.Y.  
Pvt. Eugene J. Gallagher '42, Sq. O, 325 BU AAF, Avon Park, Fla.  
Major George H. Anderson '27, 0905832, Air Base, Pratt, Kansas  
Pvt. Lawrence A. Hayden '46 c/o FPO, San Francisco, Calif.  
Pvt. Marshall M. Clauser '32, 535 Eng. Drum Plant, Camp Haan, Calif.  
Sgt. Charles Herrity '36, Post Ordnance, Fort Ord, Calif.  
Lt. Lawrence S. Guth '31, APO 149, c/o P.M., New York, N.Y.  
Pvt. Charles I. Hartman '44, 202 AAFBU, Box 836, Galveston, Tex.  
Pvt. Russel Everett '48, Co. B, 199 Bn. 62 Reg. Camp Blanding, Fla.  
A/S Harry E. McCloskey '46 V-12 Unit, Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, Pa.  
Pvt. Arthur R. Borger '46, 478 Hosp. Ship Plt., Camp Barkeley, Tex.  
Harry C. Keck '29, Co. A, 37 ITB 3rd Plt., Camp Croft, S.C.  
Pvt. Richard A. Deal '47, FARTC, 1st Pltn., Fort Bragg, N.C.  
Mds. John G. Hewson '46, YMCA, Philadelphia, Pa.  
Pfc. William F. Harbison '42, Stn. Hosp. Ward 115, Indiantown Gap, Pa.  
Sgt. Duane N. Heist '38, 115 Evac. Hosp., Camp Shelby, Miss.  
Ensign Harry A. Hauser '37, USN Depot, San Diego, Calif.  
Sgt. William Hay '39, APO 858, c/o P.M., New York, N.Y.  
Frederick M. Haas '45, 235 N. 15th St., Philadelphia, Pa.  
Lt. John Munchak '40, Address Wanted  
Commander L.C. Peppell '19, 3rd Naval Dist. 90 Church St., New York  
Sl/c Ernest Papp '35, 2935 W. Polk St., Chicago 12, Ill.  
Pvt. Edward F. Barton '34, 113 Inf. Reg. Co. D, Camp Pickett, Va.  
Cpl. Erwin D. Funk '45, Hdq. Sec. 1, 1336 SU, Fredericksburg, Va.  
A/C Louis J. Hayes '47, 9 A-44, Bks. 8-D, NAS, Norman, Okla.  
Pfc. Kenneth E. Heberling '45, 57 Med. Tng. Bn, ASFTC, Camp Barkeley, Tex.

Someday we hope to be able to really catch up with the list of names of new men in the armed forces. The list was complete to date in the last Alumni Magazine, but right now we have about 70 names that are still to be added. Keep on plugging and we will too--and continued good luck to you.

Sincerely,

  
Gordon B. Fister  
For the Alumni Office